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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

December, 1995 - January, 1996 *232 Ogden Avenue - Jersey City, N.J. 07307 - (201) 798-0493*

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

RNA is asking all its members, neighbors and friends to contribute dry or canned foodstuffs. In addition, we are accepting new or used toys (they must be in working condition) to give to children. Monetary contributions are also welcome.

We will collect the food and toys up until the December 12th meeting. All the items are then given to the local Salvation Army for distribution to families that need them.

Food and toys can also be dropped off at 170 Ogden Avenue, by arranging with Maria at 659-2245, after 6 PM.

RNA HOLIDAY PARTY

This annual year-end event will be held at our December 12th meeting. All our members, neighbors and friends are invited to toast the holidays with RNA. To make this party a success, RNA asks all those who are planning to attend to bring some holiday treat (preferably home-made) or softdrink to share with RNA.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Each year, RNA organizes this traditional Yuletime activity by getting a group of ten or more stout-hearted souls to sing holiday songs on our streets. The exact date, which was not set last month, will be set at the DECEMBER 12th meeting. (The day chosen is one during the week before Christmas.)

[Also enjoy RNA members' holiday memories on page 4 and a Christmas coloring page on page 8.]

Reminder: 1996 RNA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues of five dollars ($5.00) entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and voting privileges in RNA, if you live within our boundaries. Bring your dues to the next meeting, or make your check payable to RNA and mail to 232 Ogden Avenue. Any paid member who has not received their newsletters or a membership card, please contact Jack Rea.

The Executive Committee

UPDATE: CHRIST HOSPITAL'S CLINIC

On Tuesday, November 28, 1995 the Planning Board approved the site plan and variance application for the Family Practice Clinic proposed by Christ Hospital. This clinic will be located in the old PSE&G power station located at Palisade Avenue and Ferry Street.

After a series of meetings between the Hospital and RNA, an agreement (which the Hospital's attorney insisted be called a "consensus of understanding") was made that attempted to resolve community concerns about traffic, street parking and number of patients using this facility. The following items "summarize the Hospital's response to the concerns of the Riverview Neighborhood Association". These items were read into the official record at the Planning Board meeting by Robert Cotter, Director of Planning, who helped broker this "understanding" :

1. "The Hosptial stated that the estimate of the nuumber of patients to be seen at the Center is based upon actual experience and data. The Hospital therefore believes that its projection of 80 to 100 patients per day is accurate. Nonacute patients, currently being seen at the emergency department, more appropriate to a physician's

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COMING EVENTS

A) **DECEMBER 12TH MEETING:**
   1) **RNA HOLIDAY PARTY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**
   2) **ANNUAL FOOD AND TOY DRIVE**

B) **JANUARY 9TH MEETING:**
   Guest Speaker: Mayor Bret Schundler

RNA MEETINGS: THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:15 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

[This is a double issue of the RNA newsletter for December, 1995 and January, 1996.]

RNA Minutes: November 14, 1995

Both our guest speakers, Dr. Martin Levine, chief resident for the proposed Christ Hospital Clinic, and Mr. Peter Enrique, manager of the new Popular Supermarket, did not show up for the meeting. Dr. Levine cancelled because of an emergency. Peter was involved with last minute preparations for the opening of the new supermarket, but promised to attend the December meeting and party.

Community Policing

Community Service Police Officer Joe Sarao discussed several local law enforcement problems, and spoke about the recent carjackings and gave driving safety tips.

Officer Joe also initiated a project to identify outstanding warrants in our neighborhood. He has been going through the list of outstanding warrants, obtaining photos to match the names, and checking the streets for these people. His aim is to clear out some of the kids hanging out on corners - the outstanding warrant would give him probable cause to search and detain.

Several neighbors told about local problems. A black Jeep Cherokee with tinted windows has been seen parked on the street near Palisade and Griffith. The driver waits for one of our neighbors to appear at her window, then masturbates. This has occurred several times, during daylight hours, and the man has exposed himself to both the woman and her young daughter. The police have been called, but the license plates on this car don't match the vehicle.

The cul-de-sac at the end of Griffith Street is being used as a 'parking' spot lately - couples are seen making out (and more), and beer cans and drug paraphernalia have been found in the mornings.

There has been a recent rash of carjackings in our area, 15 in three weeks. Thirteen of these were taxis. All are suspected to have been performed by the same man, who threatens the driver with a knife and a syringe full of blood, which he claims to contain the HIV virus.

Officer Joe also gave a brief lecture on safety tips to avoid carjacking, which is printed on page 4 of this newsletter.

Riverview Community Gardens

Greg Brickey presented a proposal for maintenance and improvements to the Riverview Community Garden and for the landscaped areas in the park. The projects would be funded from the CDBG grant obtained this spring. The proposal included the following projects:

- $1000.00 - to cover expenses of running the Community Garden next year, including plants (for those who cannot afford their own) and tools;
- $1000.00 - to buy materials to build raised beds in the Garden. These would be made of pressure-treated wood, to be put together with special-purpose corner braces. The estimate is to build 25 to 30 plots.
- $1000.00 - to purchase shrubs and perennials for the center gardens, which were not planted this year because the new iron fencing was not installed until late summer.

A motion was made and passed to approve the funding for these projects. Discussions focused mainly on the logistics of when the work should commence, and how it should be done. One member suggested that the sidewalk work for the Central Avenue SID might have some leftover materials that could be used in the garden.

Christ Hospital's Clinic

Vito Brunetti gave an update on discussions being held with the Robert Cotter, Director of Planning and Christ Hospital, about the proposed Clinic. Vito read the summary of the November 2, 1995 meeting between the community and the Hospital.

Announcements

Other business at the meeting included several announcements, including:

- The Popular Supermarket was scheduled to open on Thursday, November 16. The store will give discounts to seniors, and will provide free delivery. Officer Joe Sarao told us they have hired off-duty police officers to stand duty from 5 PM to closing (10 PM).
- Donations are needed - food, toys, or cash - for the holiday food and toy drive. Bring your non-perishable foods, new or used toys or cash contribution to the December 12th meeting.

Kathy Packard, Secretary

Christ Hospital's Clinic Proposal (continued from page one)

office setting, will be redirected to the Center. This is not "overflow." All acute patients will be treated at the emergency department. The number of examination rooms has been cut back from 18 to 12 on the first floor, plus 8 on the second floor for a total of 20 examination rooms.

2. "The traffic report obtained by the Hospital indicates that 24 parking spaces including one loading space and two handicapped spaces) will be more than adequate for the patient volume. This will also accommodate three physicians who will use the lot. All staff and medical residents will park in the Hospital garage or lot and will officially start work before being shuttled to and from the Site. All non acute patients that are redirected from the emergency department will also be shuttled to and from the site.

3. " The traffic report indicates that there will be sufficient parking. There will also be a security officer monitoring and directing traffic into/out of the lot.

4."The Primary Care Center will house the following operations: Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Family Practice. Hours of operation, based on patient volume projections, are as follows:

Monday, Friday: 10 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 AM to 6 PM
Saturday: 12 Noon to 3 PM.

Not all of the operations will be open for all of these hours, eg., Obstetrics will be closed on Saturday. These hours will b re-evaluated by the Hospital periodically based on the Center's performance.

5. "The clinic will be available to non-Medicaid patients. Obstetrics and Pediatric patients must meet the Health Start eligibility requirements to be seen at the clinic. The non acute patients will be asked if they have a doctor. In the event they have a doctor, the Hospital will offer to call the physician. If the patient declines and wishes to be seen right away they would be seen in the clinic. The patient would be instructed to make an appointment for any future visits that may be necessary.

6. "The sidewalk on Ferry Street has been eliminated on plans being submitted to the Planning Board.

7. "On the plans submitted to the Planning Board, egress from the parking lot has been changed from Ogden Avenue to Woods Place and trees are to be planted on Ogden Avenue sidewalk.

8. "There are no plans to place a substance abuse treatment program at this site.

9. "Physical plant renovations have been reviewed by the Riverview Neighborhood Association and demonstrate an improved look for the community.

10. "It was agreed that representatives of the Hospital would meet with the Association periodically beginning approximately 6 months after beginning operation at the clinic to discuss concerns that the Association might have at that time."

This "understanding" was worked out at a November 2, 1995 meeting between representatives of Christ Hospital and two neighborhood associations: RNA and Sgt. Anthony.

Christ Hospital (CH) was represented by Anne Murga, Isabelle Chamberlain, James Berg, Paul Hanlon, Harry Schwartz and the project architect. Riverview Neighborhood Association (RNA) was represented by Vito Brunetti, Greg Brickey, Maria Tuzzo, and Hank Cesari. Sgt. Anthony Neighborhood Association (SANA) was represented by Barbara Petrick and Terry Constantine.

The proposals forwarded by the Hospital in the person of Anne Murga were in response to a three page list of concerns and proposals prepared by RNA, dated October 25, 1995 that were published in RNA's November, 1995 newsletter. The following were additional items discussed at that meeting:

Overflow: This clinic will not be an emergency room nor will it be able to handle acute care patients. The clinic is intended for physician visits only. Although the Hospital maintains that there will only be 80 to 100 patients a day seen at the clinic, their traffic analysis report estimates, that on a worst case scenario, up to 114 patients will visit the clinic daily.

CH stated that they do not intent to run a "Medicaid Mill" and will not practice "double-booking" in making appointments for their clients. CH stated that because this is a medical training facility, consultations between student-residents and doctors will take time and slow down the patient load. CH stated that this clinic will not be used as a drug or alcohol treatment facility.

Hours of Operation: CH stated that they had revised their original estimates for hours of operation for this clinic, after reviewing other local clinics. CH stated that the closing hours would be when the clinic will turn out its lights. These are not the times of the last treatment sessions. CH stated they would not consider adjusting the above weekly hours one hour earlier to 9 AM .

It should also be noted that on November 20, 1995, the Heights Coalition of Neighborhood And Block Associations passed a resolution supporting the "understanding" reached between RNA and Christ Hospital regarding this proposed clinic.

UPDATE: Riverview Community Gardens

At the November RNA meeting, the group discussed and voted on how best to spend the approximately $3000.00 remaining from our $15,000.00 park grant. It was decided to roughly split the money into thirds with $1000.00 allotted for maintaining the community gardens over the next year. Another $1000.00 will be set aside to finish landscaping the center gardens, with the remaining $1000.00 to be spent on the purchase and construction of permanent raised garden beds in the community garden. These raised beds will be made of pressure treated lumber and will allow gardeners to use richer soil than that which is presently there. Raised beds will also simplify maintenance of the garden and improve its overall appearance.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday the RNA Park Committee received an award in acknowledgement of the work we have done in Riverview-Fisk Park. Presented by a group of downtown Jersey City park advocates called the Friends of Van Vorst Park, the award notes our "outstanding service of park and neighborhood restoration, and the social improvement it has brought to the neighborhood." The award was presented at a small reception at Van Vorst Park on November 24 and was accepted on behalf of RNA by Clare Archer and Greg Brickey. One of the common goals discussed at the reception was the formation of a coalition of neighborhood park groups. This coalition would hopefully lobby more effectively for improved park services.

The Park Committee wishes to thank all those who helped make the garden such a success this year. Anyone with ideas or suggestions for next year's garden is encouraged to call Greg at 792-6390, or to attend the December 12th meeting.

Greg Brickey

HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY

The Harbor View party was a big success this year. We had more gifts for the residents at the home, thanks to a big response from members and friends.

The residents were entertained by Robert Boesch, who played Santa Claus and with singing by Maria Tuzzo and music by Frank Frega. As usual, Jack Rea did his dancing and antics with the residents. There were others who danced with the patients. Sonia and Allison Fontana and Patrick Moore went around and sat and chatted with the residents, who appreciated this attention.

RNA would like to thank everyone who helped to make this party a success, by donating their time, baked goods or articles: Gail Carmody, Ruth Conrad, Catherine Boesch,Fran Broidy, Kathy Brennan, Susan Pratt, Gail Sasso, Dolly Quinton (and her delicious rice pudding which was a big hit), Frances Santora and her two sisters-in-law, Victor Torres, Katherine Keens, Mrs. Addas, Claire Gaito, Camille Cesari, Joan Considine, Florence Campbell, Valerie Rea and Madeline Rea. We hope we haven't left out anyone.

I also want to thank the Center's Administrator and Diane Miller and her staff who helped to make this party a big success. It's RNA way of making the residents feel that they're a part of our community.

Valerie Rea

MY Holiday EXPERIENCES

Because it is Christmas time, I want to tell about my friends when I was growing up. My friends who were two brothers whose father and mother owned a grocery store. I was with the family and two sons quite often. I went almost everywhere with them. Every weekend, we would go riding in the father's big Nash.

At Christmas time, I would go with them visiting their relatives. I was welcomed as a relative and would receive little gifts. I got to call them aunt and uncle in German, I being of Italian parents.

During the war years, they were blessed with a girl who later on became a Radio City Rockette. I know one of the boys is still living. I hope by chance he would read this and recall the many stories of lemon and orange, and that he will remember the writer of this memory.

Jack F. Rea

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

My holiday memories are great. I can remember getting my magic skin doll and dressing table, plus Dad playing Santa Claus, friends and family gathered around the Christmas tree, Mom's lasagna, meatballs, turkey dressing, fruit cake and, of course, going Christmas caroling.

Those were the days. I was in a play the "Christmas Carol" in school and, after the play, all the teachers got together and gave each player a Christmas pin and candy filled stocking. Those were the days!

So create "Holiday Memories" now to keep you happy on those cold winter nights ahead.

Merry Christmas to all!

Madeline Rea

OFFICER JOE'S SAFETY TIPS

To Prevent Carjacking

1) Always have your keys ready when you approach your car. Look around you.
2) Park under a light if you will be returning to your car after dark.
3) Check the back seat before getting into the car.
4) Lock all doors immediately.
5) Plan your trip - get a map, get directions, stay on main roads (call the police in the town of your destination for directions).
6) Watch for rear-end collisions. If you are suspicious, don't stop, but instead drive to the nearest police station (or fire station, or hospital or anywhere there are people).
7) Be suspicious of 'plain clothes' police cars. You are not obligated to pull over for an unmarked police car. Motion them to follow, and drive to the nearest police station.
8) When stopped at lights or in traffic, leave room to pull around the car ahead of you - don't get trapped.
9) At a store or mall, ask for a security officer or policeman to escort you to your car.
10) Carry mace.
11) If someone approaches your car, keep your windows closed, watch their hands, and be ready to drive away.
12) If all else fails, cooperate, give up your car and keys, and get away.

LETTERS to the EDITORS

REOPENING MOUNTAIN ROAD

[The following is a list of concerns expressed by RNA member Hank Cesari, regarding the opening of Mountain Road from Franklin Street to Lower Patterson Plank Road. Although RNA officially supports the reopening of the Road, these concerns should be discussed and evaluated by the City and the community.]

1. There will be an increase in the volume of traffic on the section of Ogden Avenue from Griffith Street to Franklin Street.

This traffic will be dramatically increased as drivers will use the Griffith-Ogden-Franklin route to avoid the traffic light at Palisade and Franklin. A similar situation presently occurs going northbound on Ogden from Griffith. Cars headed toward Congress Street toward Patterson Plank Road use Ogden as a "shunt," avoiding the traffic lights along Palisade Avenue at Bower, South and Congress.

2. This traffic will be high speed and often reckless.

At present, the northbound use of Ogden as mentioned above can often be observed running the stop sign at Griffith and Ogden, literally screeching around the corner and accelerating toward the end of the street at Congress. Close calls between pedestrians

(often children crossing to and from Riverview-Fisk Park) can be observed frequently.

3. **The intersection of Franklin and Palisade will see an increase in loitering, disorderly conduct and drug trafficking.**

Already a notorious hang-out for drug dealers and loiterers, this intersection will now become a "crossroad," connected to the north and south by Palisade Avenue and to the west and east by Mountain Road and Franklin. It will be a perfect drop off/on station as the "problem areas" of Hoboken are not directly linked to the biggest "problem area" in the Heights.

4. **The quiet, residential atmosphere of the southbound section of Ogden Avenue will be destroyed.**

Considering all of the above, the once insular and private qualities of southern Ogden Avenue, one of the last truly residential streets in the Heights, will be overcome by speeding cars, heavy traffic and increased drug activity. Without any effort to control the flow and velocity of this "through traffic" load, we can expect numerous accidents involving pedestrians and/or other automobiles as well as a decrease in property values and the overall quality of life in this part of our neighborhood.

Hank Cesari

YOU CAN FIGHT CITY HALL

It has always been my belief that, if given the opportunity, an honest citizen can successfully fight City Hall. Perhaps this attitude is the result of my having watched too many Frank Capra movies in my formative years; perhaps it is reminiscent of my days of political activism in the 1960's. Whatever the reason, recently I had reason to resurrect my erstwhile populism when I received a notice from our City telling me that the taxes on my humble abode on Ogden Avenue were about to be raised.

Now, most people know that real estate taxes are used to pay for schools and essential services. Indeed without these, Jersey City could not function. However, most people also know that the real estate market in Jersey City is not exactly on the upswing, despite unfounded rumors that parts of downtown may be the beneficiary of some Manhattan flight. Therefore, it made no sense to me to have to pay more taxes on the house I have inhabited for less than one year, a house that had not been improved upon, a house that I had accepted begrudingly from an unwilling ex-spouse upon his hasty retreat from our ten year marriage. But do not think that bitterness motivated my decision to take on the tax office; rather, consider the sheer illogic of my paying more taxes on a house which had been consistently losing value in the oh-so revered free market place.

Hence, I decided to argue with the value the City placed on my property. As the notice I received clearly indicated, there were and are mechanisms in place wherein each homeowner can do this. Indeed, I considered it part of my orientation to the new neighborhood to discover and employ these.

My journey began in the basement of City Hall where all sales of houses are recorded along with brief descriptions of the property, lot size, etc. I was searching for recent sales of houses on my block so that I could compare the actual market value of similar houses with what I believed to be the spuriously high value placed on my humble abode by the tax assessor. In fact, the real estate market in Jersey City is so bad that there were no recent sales of houses on my block.

Next, I looked for houses that were similar to mine, even if they weren't on Ogden Avenue. Bearing in ind that gifts to family members and sheriff's sales were not germane, I managed to find two houses which were recently sold that seemed comparable to my house and that were valued at less. Although I couldn't be sure that these houses were actually like mine, without going in them, I copied their respective addresses, block and lot numbers and sale values and planned to drive by them to make a comparison. Next I completed the forms the City provided to protest the increased rate, paid the fee and sent them all to Hudson County and Jersey City.

Several months later, I received a notice that I was to appear in City Hall to argue my case. I was nervous, but figured I had nothing to lose but some time and my original filing fee. There were several persons there representing themselves, just like me. Unfortunately, most of these fellow sufferers had not come equipped with "comparable sales." They tried to argue that the neighborhood had deteriorated, that there had been an increase in crime, etc; but none of these arguments were allowed by the court. The law is changeable but specific as to which arguments it will allow. As of now, "comparable sales" is the only evidence which is taken seriously; and, given the depressed real estate market and the difficulty of finding these, we tax payers are somewhat in a Catch-22 because of this.

Nevertheless, when it was my turn, I presented the three comparable sales that I thought had merit. It turns out that only were considered. However, this was enough to allow a kindly judge to decide in my favor.

Later I asked an attorney what happened to the cases that were struck down by the court. Did anyone ever appeal these? "Very infrequently," I was told. What happened when they were appealed? "The court looks favorable on a homeowner, especially one who decides to represent him or herself." Now, I wonder why more people don't decide that they can fight City Hall?

Rosemary Venter

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves will be collected in our neighborhood on the following dates, along with the regular trash pick-up:

Thursday December 14
Thursday December 28.

Leaves must be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags or reusable containers for pick-up. No plastic bags may be used for leaves. Leaves should be placed out on Wednesday, the night before your collection day.

The biodegradable brown paper bags are available at the next RNA meeting on December 12th or at the Jersey City Incinerator Authority. For more information, call 432-4645, extension 38.

Recycle this Newsletter, Pass it on to a Friend!

Bulletin board

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our senior members and friends who cannot get around quite as easy as they used to.

And a special holiday wish for two ladies who are as much a part of RNA today as they were during the last ten years they helped organize and support our group: **Gert Bodgan** and **Frances Santoro.** God Bless and protect you both during the next year!

A NEW ARRIVAL

RNA would like to welcome a new neighbor, **Christopher Cosmo Sasso**, who was born on September 15, 1995, weighing 7 lbs., 3 1/2 oz. We congratulate the proud parents, Gail and Cosmo and wish all three a happy and healthy new year.

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Corn Bread & Sausage Stuffing

(Recipe taken from Masters of American Cookery by Betty Fussel)

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups corn bread
- 3 cups cubed and trimmed white bread
- 1 pound sausage meat
- 2 medium sized onions, chopped
- 4 celery stalks with leaves, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 1/2 cup finely chopped parsley
- 1 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped

1) Make the corn bread a day ahead, cut in cubes and toast in a 350 degree oven, along with the white bread cubes. (Trim the crust from the slices of white bread and cut the slices a few at a time lengthwise and crosswise into 20 inch cubes.)
2) Saute the sausage meat lightly to render some of the fat and set aside before the meat is fully cooked.
3) Saute the chopped onions and celery to soften them only slightly. If the sausage has not rendered enough fat, add butter to the pan.
4) Mix all the ingredients with the seasonings and the chopped eggs in a casserole.
5) If the crumbs are too dry, add a little turkey stock or melted butter or both.
6) Cover and bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.
7) For a crust top, remove the cover for the last 10 minutes.

DECEMBER

The most beautiful Month of the Year,
It is Christmas, and everyone looks so angelic,
It is time for Holly, Candy Canes, Fruitcake
and time to say
Merry Christmas to All!

Madeline Rea

POLICEBEAT

Residents can contact **Community Service Police Officers Joseph Sarao and Jaclyn Baljko** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (to leave a message for them at the North District station's frontdesk). In emergencies, Officer Sarao can also be reached by dialing his beeper number: **517-2379**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and a date and time of the message. All calls will be kept confidential.

On the following page, is a **Community Service Survey** form distributed by the North District Police Department. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood, such as disorderly groups, loud music, parking complaints, animal complaints, drug activity, abandoned buildings, abandoned vehicles and noise complaints. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Drop off articles, comments or recipes in the mailbox, attached to the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." The next deadline is **Friday, January 26, 1995.**

HUDSON COUNTY ANIMAL LEAGUE

Please get your dogs or cats neutered or spayed. The HCAL has a low-cost spay/neuter program. Costs for cats are $15 for male, $20 for female; costs for dogs are $20 for male, $25 for female. If you cannot pay, the HCAL will cover the cost. If you cannot catch the animal, the HCAL will come and help you trap them.

For more information, contact the HCAL at P.O. Box 3589, Jersey City, N.J. 07303 or call (201) 200-1008.

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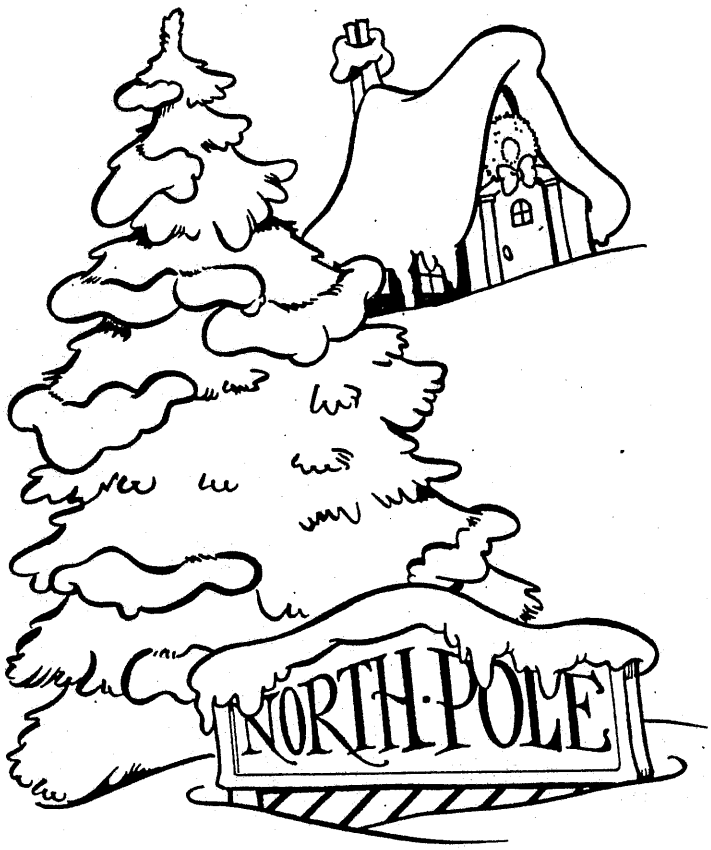

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RNA HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

RNA is sponsoring its annual **FOOD AND TOY DRIVE**. We're asking all our members, neighbors and friends to contribute to this worthy cause by donating all kinds of dry or canned foodstuffs. In addition, we are looking for gifts of new or used toys (they must be in working condition) to give to children. We will collect the food and toys up to the December 12th meeting.

Food and toys can also be dropped off at 170 Ogden Avenue by calling Maria at 659-2245, after 6 PM. Cash donations will also be accepted and disbursed as the donor wishes. All the items are then given to the local Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. Please give from your heart and help someone this year.

RNA will be holding its annual **HOLIDAY PARTY** at its December 12th meeting. All our members, neighbors and friends are invited to toast the holidays with RNA. By member mandate, no RNA business will be discussed - at least, officially. This is the time to just enjoy each other's company. To make this party a success, RNA asks all those who are planning to attend to bring some holiday treat (preferably home-made) or softdrink to share with RNA. COME CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH RNA!